

BEND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary

December 3, 2014

Allen Room, Deschutes Services Center, 1300 NW Wall Street, Bend, Oregon

1. Call to Order – Introductions

Mr. Deke called the meeting of the BMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to order at 10:02 a.m. with 9 of 12 members present, establishing a quorum. Mr. Russell left at 10:40 a.m. Attending during the meeting were:

TAC voting members

1. Cascades East Transit (CET) Karen Friend
2. Central Oregon Community College (COCC) Joe Viola
3. Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) Scott Aycock
4. City of Bend Growth Management Department.....Damian Syrynk
5. Commute Options..... Jeff Monson
6. Deschutes CountyPeter Russell
7. Deschutes County Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Rick Root
8. Oregon Department of Land Conservation & Development (DLCD).....Scott Edelman
9. Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Amy Pfeiffer
10. BMPO Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) absent
11. Bend Park and Recreation District (BPRD) absent
12. City of Bend Growth Management Department..... Nick Arnis, absent

Ex officio members

1. Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMPO) *Manager, Tyler Deke*
2. Bend-La Pine School District (BLSD) absent
3. Deschutes County Road Department..... absent
4. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) absent
5. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) absent

MPO staff

Jovi Anderson, *Program Technician*
Cameron Prow, TYPE ~~Write~~ II

Visitors

Joel McCarroll, *ODOT*
Robin Lewis, *City of Bend Traffic Engineer*

(The 3-digit number following a motion title shows the number of members voting in favor/against/abstaining.)

ACTION ITEMS

2. Review and Approve TAC Meeting Summary

Motion 1 (8/0/1): Ms. Pfeiffer moved to approve the TAC meeting summary for November 5, 2014. Mr. Russell seconded the motion which passed with Mr. Aycock, Mr. Edelman, Ms. Friend, Mr. Monson, Ms. Pfeiffer, Mr. Russell, Mr. Syrynk, and Mr. Viola voting in favor and Mr. Root abstaining due to his absence from the November meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

3. ODOT All Roads Transportation Safety Program

Mr. McCarroll reported MAP-21 now requires a safety focus on all roads, not just state highways. He shared statistics indicating the seriousness of the problem. From 2009 to 2011, over half of Oregon's 4,300 fatal and serious injury crashes occurred on city streets (27%) and rural roads (25%), with the remaining 48% on state highways. He summarized (PowerPoint) the background, purpose/principles, criteria, program rule/categories, hot

spots, systemic projects, timeline, and funding levels of ODOT's new ARTS program. ODOT worked with the Association of Oregon Counties and League of Oregon Cities to develop this program. ARTS funding will run concurrently with the 2019-2021 State Transportation Improvement Program and also include funds for 2017 and 2018. Projects to help local jurisdictions reduce fatal/serious injury crashes will be prioritized on the basis of providing the biggest benefit for the lowest cost. Local impacts of this program will be seen in urban projects (3rd Street, Reed Market Road, 27th Street, Penn Avenue/Neff Road) and rural projects (Cottonwood Road, Cline Falls Highway, Powell Butte Highway). Next steps include engaging local agency staff and developing a "hot spot" list.

TAC concerns included separating bicycle and pedestrian projects, impact of speed reduction on crash metrics, coordination with local planning efforts, local jurisdiction access to ARTS funding, and ODOT's outreach plan.

4. Bend Safety Implementation Program

Document: copy of PowerPoint presentation

Mr. Deke said MPO staff worked with Ms. Lewis a few years ago on a safety assessment of crash data in Bend. Ms. Lewis is now designing countermeasures to improve safety enforcement, engineering, and education.

Ms. Lewis provided copies of the proposed Safety Implementation Plan and summarized findings from the 2012 Arterial and Collector Multimodal Safety Study in Bend. According to the Centers for Disease Control, traffic crashes rank as one of the Top 10 preventable causes of death in the United States. Data analysis for 2003-2008 and 2009-2013 shows upward trends in the number of fatalities and severe injuries; these trends are assumed to be linked to population growth and the number of vehicle miles traveled. New tools include the *Highway Safety Manual, Volume 1*, 2010, which advocates using known systemic methodologies to address preventable risk factors.

TAC concerns included project criteria (socioeconomic data, pedestrian counts), road diet rationale, educating City Council first, potential Greenwood Avenue crossings at 4th and 6th Streets, and impact on the Multimodal Mixed-use Area. Following discussion, TAC members agreed ("two thumbs up") with an initial focus on two intersections (Hawthorne Avenue, Roosevelt Avenue) along the 3rd Street corridor.

5. Bend Sidewalk Planning and Projects Update

Document: copy of PowerPoint presentation

Mr. Deke said the need for a citywide sidewalk program was prompted by a request from City Councilor Victor Chudowsky who also sits on the MPO Policy Board. Mr. Deke explained the rationale behind the current piecemeal approach to funding sidewalks in the City of Bend. Included in his discussion were priority walking corridors, priority walking and biking structures, safety crossings project, barrier removal requests, Streets Department projects, 3rd Street project, and funding options. The Streets Department's goal is to construct at least 200 ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) ramps per year. Of the 7,000 curb ramps in the city, 5,000 remain to be done. Construction of six-foot-wide sidewalks on both sides of 3rd Street (Franklin Avenue to Badger Road) is expected to begin in 2016. The scope of work will include sidewalk installation/rehabilitation, new curb ramps, replacing current non-ADA-compliant ramps, improved transit stops, and bike lane striping. The City Manager has expressed interest in tying sidewalks to transit and street maintenance and will explore funding options with the new City Council in February-March

2015. Now that City plans and funding to address stormwater, sewer, and water concerns are in place, the next big discussion will be how to fund transportation. He is expecting bike/walk projects to become a higher priority when the City updates its capital improvements program.

TAC concerns covered project costs, how Bend's ADA curb ramp compliance record compared to those of other Oregon communities, curb ramp priority (new vs. replacement of existing noncompliant ramps), alternate sidewalk materials (initial investment, maintenance cost), responsibility for sidewalk construction and maintenance (property owners vs. City), re-educating the public about what can be planted in the street right-of-way, funding options including public-private partnerships (in Prineville, the City does the demolition and debris removal and the property owner does the construction), and gaps caused by developers who build sidewalks only along their frontage.

6. Other Business

Document: Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan 2015-18 Amendment Notice

Ms. Anderson said the Policy Board will consider amendments to the 2015-2018 MTIP at its December 18 meeting.

7. Roundtable/Member Updates

BMPO CAC: No report.

BPRD: No report.

CET: Ms. Friend said COIC just completed the Brookwood transit route extension and stop improvements on 5th Street. A new transit stop was added at the Meisner snopark on Century Drive this year. She worked with Mount Bachelor to reduce the fare from \$12 to \$9 (round trip) or \$5 (one-way).

City of Bend: Mr. Syrnyk announced a joint meeting of the Residential and Employment Technical Advisory Committees on December 15. The Boundary TAC will meet on December 16.

COCC: Mr. Viola reported nothing new.

COIC: Mr. Aycock said he is working with Ms. Friend on a FLAP (Federal Lands Access Program) grant application. He would appreciate a letter of support from the Bend MPO.

Commute Options: Mr. Monson requested an update on ODOT's transportation options plan at the January 2015 meeting. Commute Options is working with CET to encourage employers to purchase group bus pass programs for their employees.

Deschutes County: Mr. Russell reported that the county has constructed its first roundabout on the Powell Butte Highway.

Deschutes County BPAC: No report.

DLCD: Mr. Edelman reported two positions open in Transportation Growth Management.

ODOT: Ms. Pfeiffer reported nothing new.

12. Next TAC Meeting

The next regular TAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 7, 2015, 10 a.m., in the DeArmond Room, Deschutes Services Center, 1300 NW Wall Street, Bend, Oregon.

13. Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. Deke adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.